UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

CHAMBERS OF
WILLIAM M. NICKERSON
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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January 23, 2004

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Re: United States v. John Rachel, et al.

Civil Action No. WMN-02-754

Dear Counsel:

I have been advised by Magistrate Judge Gesner that further settlement discussions would not be productive.

I have, therefore, set a hearing on defendants' Motion to Quash for Friday, February 13, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

The Government's response to the motion is to be filed on or before Tuesday, February 2, 2004, and any reply thereto by February 9, 2004.

Very truly yours,

/s/

William M. Nickerson Senior United States District Judge

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